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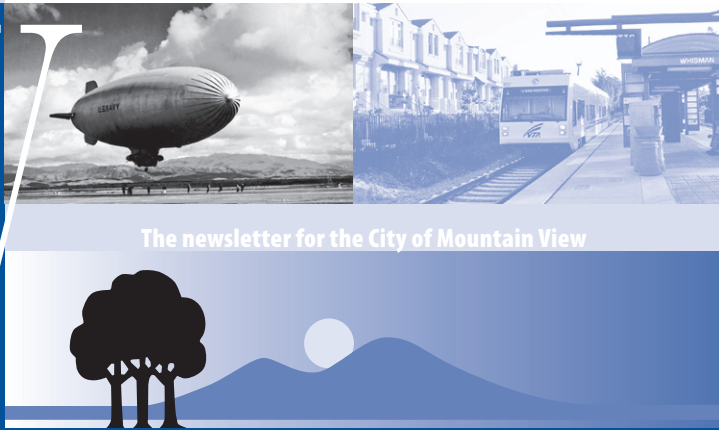
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GENERAL PLAN

Throughout the Summer, the City continued work on updating the General Plan, a long-range policy document that will be used to guide future planning and development in Mountain View. Two public meetings were held to present the community with emerging policy themes that will help shape the document and to gather community input. In September, City boards and commissions began reviewing initial drafts of the General Plan policies.

Following completion of these reviews, the draft materials will be reviewed by the City Council, the Environmental Planning Commission and/or the General Plan Project Advisory Committee. A draft General Plan and draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will then be prepared for community review in 2011. The General Plan will include goals and policies in areas such as land use, transportation, conservation, safety, health and community services.



The City's housing goals and policies will be included in the Housing Element, which has been drafted and submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for review and comment. The Housing Element includes goals, policies and programs that will help the City meet its required "fair share" housing allocation for the 2007-2014 State planning period.

Community input on the General Plan is welcome, and anyone interested in participating in the process or receiving more information contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or visit www.mountainview2030.com.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL

The City continues to provide input to the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) on the preliminary design as it relates to Mountain View for the San Jose-to-San Francisco section of the high-speed rail project. The proposed 800-mile long high-speed train system being planned will stretch from San Francisco to Anaheim.

At present, the CHSRA is considering options for final vertical alignment between San Jose and San Francisco. In Mountain View, the options under study in a draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study scheduled for release this December include:

- Option A—Four tracks (two for Caltrain, two for high-speed trains) at the existing Caltrain track grade (elevation) throughout the City.
- Option B—Four tracks at the existing Caltrain track grade from San Antonio Road south over Permanente Creek, then below-grade in a trench south through downtown, under Stevens Creek, coming back to grade at Highway 237.
- Option B1—Four-tracks below-grade in a trench throughout the City.

For additional information about the high-speed rail project, visit www.mountainview.gov or call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. The CHSR Authority website is www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

RENGSTORFF PARK MASTER PLAN

This Fall, the City held two community meetings to garner input from residents in order to create a long-term vision for Rengstorff Park. The Rengstorff Park Master Plan will set the agenda for future redevelopment of the 27-acre park, along with newly acquired property on nearby Escuela Avenue.

Residents offered ideas regarding the possibility of joint use buildings, as well as improved pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle access to the park. Comments from the community meetings are posted on the City's webpage. Next steps in developing the master plan include City Council input in early 2011 to discuss service and operational scenarios.

Four master plan scenarios will be developed and presented at a community meeting to be held sometime this Spring. For more information on the Rengstorff Park Master Plan, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

The City continues work on the Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP), a comprehensive, Citywide policy document with pedestrian-friendly policies and guidelines to improve access to transit, connect the sidewalk network in employment areas and improve access to neighborhood retail areas. The PMP was prompted by input from the community during the recent visioning process to help plan the City's future. Many residents feel Mountain View is a great walking city and would like to find ways to encourage more pedestrian traffic.

Completion of a draft Pedestrian Master Plan is expected in mid-2011 and a final document should be ready by the end of 2011. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 or visit www.mountainview.gov.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Do not miss these annual community events this Winter:

- Community Holiday Tree Lighting – Monday, December 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., 500 Castro Street.
- Rengstorff Holiday Open House – Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard.
- Cops That Care Toy Distribution Event – Saturday, December 18, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., 1000 Villa Street.

Annual Tree Lighting Celebration

Celebrate the holidays with friends and family at the Mountain View Tree Lighting Celebration on Monday, December 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street. (For more information, see page 4).

CITY BUDGET UPDATE

After a year-long effort, encompassing over a dozen public meetings, the goal of adopting a structurally balanced General Operating Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11 was achieved. As is the case with all levels of government throughout the country, the City has needed to adjust to the impact of the "Great Recession" in the last two years. Revenues to the City's General Operating Fund, the provider of most City services, are very dependent on the performance of the overall economy. With the significant economic challenges of this time, key City revenues, including sales tax and property taxes, have been negatively impacted. The City has taken decisive actions over the last two budget years in order to keep Mountain View fiscally stable. The ability to achieve a completely structurally balanced General Operating Fund budget (not relying on reserves or other "one-time" strategies) is an important accomplishment that has eluded many other local governments.

The total City budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11 is \$224.0 million and is comprised of a number of funds, including two special districts and three utility enterprise funds. The goal for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Adopted Budget was to achieve a structurally balanced budget with as few impacts on our residents, customers and employees as possible. This was accomplished by utilizing a multi-prong approach comprised of

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GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PROGRAM

Mountain View is in the process of integrating greenhouse gas reduction policies into the City’s General Plan update, using grant money from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). These new policies will be implemented through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program (GGRP), which will:

- Estimate future greenhouse gas emissions resulting from additional growth.
- Meet an emissions target for 2030.
- Identify and assess strategies to reach the target.
- Mitigate the greenhouse gas impact resulting from development expected under the new General Plan in Environmental Impact Report.

The City has been gathering community input regarding greenhouse gas policies through community workshops and during the General Plan update process. Once the preferred General Plan strategy land-use alternative is endorsed by the City Council, staff will gather additional community input and then complete a draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program. The GGRP is expected to be adopted with the General Plan in late 2011. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379.

GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCE

Mountain View is in the process of drafting a Green Building ordinance that will regulate private new construction, additions and tenant improvements for single-family, multi-family and commercial/industrial buildings. The City’s draft ordinance will include green building requirements such as improved energy efficiency, water conservation, indoor environmental quality, and waste reduction.



The draft ordinance will reference third-party rating systems such as LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) and GPR (Green Point Rated). Applicants would submit documentation and plans to the City demonstrating that a new building would be constructed to meet the intent of the third-party rating system—no formal certification from LEED or GPR would be required. The approach is based on local community input and supports regional consistency for green building requirements among cities within Santa Clara County. These standards and requirements will be in addition to the California Green Building Code, a state-mandated code requiring mandatory green building measures for all new construction beginning January 1, 2011.

Once the draft ordinance is complete, City staff will conduct additional public outreach. The new ordinance is tentatively scheduled for City Council review in early 2011. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

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operational efficiencies, expenditure reductions, revenue enhancements and employee cost containment.

Moving forward, even though a projected balanced budget has been achieved, the City will need to continue to take action to ensure fiscal sustainability. The City is proactively addressing the fiscal sustainability of the City’s financial health. Immediately after the FY 2010-11 budget adoption, work began on the development of fiscal sustainability to help the City to maintain stability over the long-term. The City Council in November adopted a series of guiding principles and follow-up actions to help achieve long-term fiscal sustainability.

For further information, please contact the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301.

EASY WAYS TO SAVE WATER AND REDUCE YOUR ENERGY BILL

Lower Winter temperatures do not have to mean a high rise in your energy bill. Did you know that 14 percent of the energy consumption in an average U.S. home is due to hot water use? Conserve water and reduce your energy costs by following these easy actions:

	EASY ACTION	“EXTRA CREDIT”
1.	Shorten your showers by a few minutes	Replace your showerhead with a model that uses no more than 2 gallons per minute
2.	Wash only full loads of laundry using cold water	Replace your clothes washer with an ENERGY STAR model
3.	Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120° F	Insulate your water heater or replace it with an on-demand model

Need help earning your extra credit? Visit www.conservewater.mountainview.gov or call the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) at (408) 265-2607, ext. 2554 to receive FREE low-flow showerheads and rebates of up to \$175 on the purchase of a qualifying ENERGY STAR clothes washer.

RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM

Next time you drive through North Bayshore – keep at eye out for the new purple water pipes and fire hydrants. Throughout the Summer City staff have been busy connecting customers in the North Bayshore Area to the newly constructed recycled water distribution system.

Mountain View’s recycled water system is part of a regional project to deliver high quality recycled water from the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant to the cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View. There are several benefits to using recycled water. Most importantly it reduces demand on our drinking water system, provides a drought-proof water supply for large landscapes and is a back-up supply for firefighting needs.

Properties now using recycled water to irrigate landscapes include the Shoreline Golf Course, Shoreline Amphitheater, Charleston Park, and several major companies located north of Highway 101. August 2010 marked the highest usage yet at three quarters of a million gallons per day. Mountain View’s goal is to reach an annual average of one million gallons per day

For more information, contact the Public Works Departmtnet at (650) 903-6311.



BAY TRAIL DEDICATION

A dedication ceremony was held on September 20, 2010 to celebrate the opening of a segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail that connects Mountain View and Sunnyvale. The new segment is part of the 500-mile recreational corridor extending around the San Francisco Bay. Pedestrians and bicyclists can now enjoy the beauty of the bay and nature along the new trail segment behind Moffett Federal Airfield. For further information on the trail, including maps, visit: www.baytrail.org.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

Following the recent tragedy in San Bruno, many residents have raised concerns about the safety of the State’s natural gas pipeline network. According to PG&E, none of the natural gas pipelines that run through Mountain View are considered high-risk. The City is actively coordinating with PG&E on its review and monitoring of the pipelines in Mountain View. Additional information on gas pipeline safety and planning is available from PG&E at: <http://www.pge.com/myhome/customerservice/response/pipelineplanning/>.

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The City and the Santa Clara Valley Water District invite you to participate in a free toilet installation program.

- Who is eligible? Apartment buildings (with 4+ units), businesses, and public facilities whose existing toilets use 3.5 gallons or more per flush.
- What kind of toilets? These high-efficiency models save 30-60% over their water-wasting counterparts and have the highest performance rating on the market.
- Is the program free? Yes, the toilet and installation are free (while funds last).
- How do I participate? Call 1 (888) 520-9494.

Looking for other ways to save water? Visit www.conservewater.mountainview.gov or call (408) 265-2607, ext. 2554 to sign-up for an indoor or outdoor water survey.

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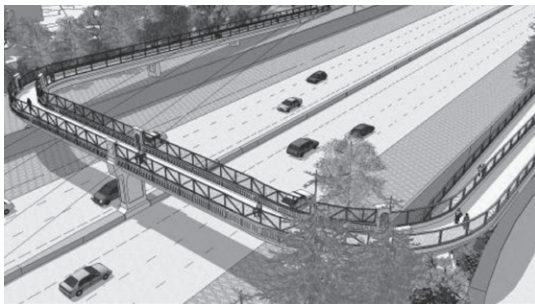
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City Mission Statement
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



NEW GRANT FOR STEVENS CREEK TRAIL

The City of Mountain View has been awarded an \$800,000 River Parkway Grant from the California Natural Resources Agency for development of the next segment of the Stevens Creek Trail. To date, the City has secured more than \$1.7 million in State and regional grant funds for construction of this trail extension, which runs from Sleeper Avenue over Highway 85 to the intersection of Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way.

Stevens Creek Trail is a hiking and biking trail which will run from Shoreline at Mountain View Park to the City's southerly limits when completed. Currently, the trail runs from Shoreline Park to the Sleeper Avenue Open Space area.

Design work for the next quarter-mile segment from Sleeper Avenue to Dale Avenue has been completed and the City is preparing to take bids for construction. This trail segment will provide residents east of Highway 85 with convenient pedestrian and bicycle access to El Camino Real, downtown, nearby schools and parks, and Shoreline at Mountain View.

Construction is expected to start by early January 2011 and take approximately one year to complete. For additional information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



FIRE STATION 5 UPDATE

This past August, Mountain View held a ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of a new Fire Station 5 in the North Bayshore Area. The new 10,000 sq. ft. building will be located at the corner of North Shoreline Boulevard and Crittenden Lane, replacing the temporary station that has been housed in modular buildings on the site since 1999. The new station will feature a traditional brick exterior.

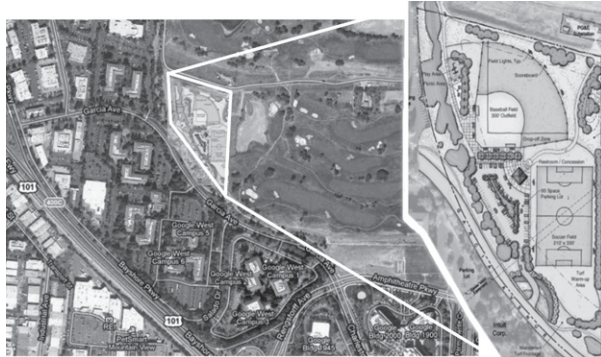
The building is designed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) Silver standard, which requires water and energy conservation measures, storm water treatment, and other sustainable features.

Due to the current favorable bid climate, the \$5 million low construction bid was well below the \$6.5 million budget. Construction of the new station will be in phases, so that the current station can continue to operate on the site while the new station is built. The new station is expected to open in spring 2012. For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

PARKS IN DEL MEDIO AND MARIPOSA NEIGHBORHOODS

The City Council has approved conceptual plans for two new neighborhood-parks. One is a 0.35 acre site on Del Medio Avenue between California Street and Miller Avenue and the other is a 0.6 acre site on Mariposa Avenue between Villa and California Streets. These conceptual plans were developed by the City and its landscape architects using valuable input from the community.

Each park will include lawn area, green space, children's play area, picnic tables, benches and pathways. With the conceptual plans complete, work has begun on the construction drawings. Construction is scheduled to start on the Del Medio Park in Spring 2011 and in Summer/Fall 2011 for the Mariposa park. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

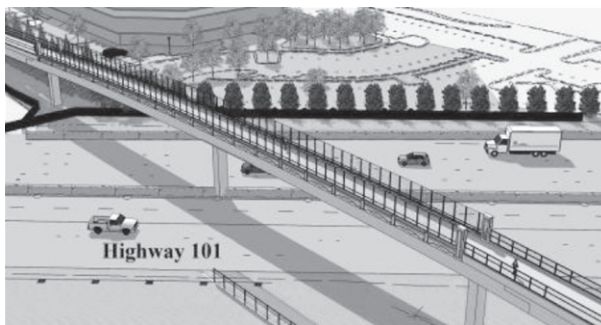


SHORELINE SPORTS COMPLEX

A new multipurpose sports complex is being planned for the southwest corner of Shoreline at Mountain View Park, adjacent to the Shoreline Golf Links. Using the City's Recreation Plan adopted in 2008 as a guide, the new complex will provide synthetic turf fields, a concessions building with restrooms, night lighting, and parking.

The project also includes development of habitat for burrowing owls that nest on the golf course nearby. The City currently uses the proposed playing field site for storage of soil and maintenance materials.

Community input received at a meeting held in October will assist designers in preparing a conceptual plan for the new sports complex. The conceptual plan will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in early 2011. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



PERMANENTE CREEK TRAIL

Construction on a project to extend the Permanente Creek Trail from its current terminus on the north (Bay) side of Highway 101 to the south side of Old Middlefield Way. The extension will include construction of a pedestrian/bicycle crossing over Highway 101 and a tunnel under Old Middlefield Way. It is scheduled to begin in December and be completed in early 2012.

The trail extension will provide a safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle connection across a busy roadway and major highway. The extension is intended to connect the neighborhoods south of Highway 101 with the commercial and recreational facilities in the North Bayshore area.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

PERMANENTE CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) is planning a flood protection project that will help protect 2,220 homes, along with businesses and major roadways in Mountain View, from major flooding ("the 100 Year Flood"). The project includes channel improvements, floodwalls north of Highway 101, and four detention basins located at Rancho San Antonio County Park, Blach Middle School in Los Altos, Cuesta Annex, and McKelvey Park.

This past September, the Water District held community meetings on the design of the Cuesta Annex and McKelvey Park improvements and is planning additional meetings as design progresses. In 2011, the SCVWD will present proposed designs to the City's Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

For additional information, call the Santa Clara Valley Water District at (408) 265-2600 or visit www.valleywater.org/services/PermanenteCreek.aspx.

PRIVATE PROJECT UPDATES

For more information on the following projects, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.



San Antonio Center Proposal

In September, the City Council reviewed plans by developer Merlone Geier for a mixed-use retail and residential project on 16.3 acres of the 56-acre San Antonio Shopping Center site. The project consists of 311,000 square feet of new retail space and 325 to 350 residential units. A public hearing on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is tentatively scheduled for mid December with the Environmental Planning Commission. The final public hearings for the project are expected in Spring 2011.

369 North Whisman Road Proposal

The property owner is proposing two new office buildings totaling about 178,000 sq. ft. and two parking structures at an existing 29-acre office campus. City Council hearings are anticipated in early 2011.

Grant Road and Levin Avenue Project

Work has begun on public streets and the construction of 53 new single-family homes on 15.6 acres at the corner of Grant Road and Levin Avenue. The project by Summerhill Homes was approved by the City Council in June 2009.



DOWNTOWN FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Work on a new downtown family housing development to be built on the 1.03-acre City-owned property at the southeast corner of West Evelyn Avenue and Franklin Street could begin in 2011. The property, which is currently a parking lot, will be leased from the City by ROEM Development Corporation, a project developer.

The 51 rental units will range from one to three bedrooms and will be affordable to households earning 30 percent to 50 percent of the Area Median Income (\$32,000 to \$53,000 annual income for a family of four).

An extensive public participation process was carried out over the past two years, with more than 15 public meetings to provide opportunities for public feedback. The input received at these meetings helped shape the project design, which consists of a three- to four-story, 'C'-shaped building over one level of underground parking.

The anticipated cost of the development is \$23.0 million. The City will be providing about \$8.0 million in Federal Community Development Block Grant funds and local housing funds. Families that live or work in Mountain View will be given preference in renting units.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379.

You can register
for Recreation classes
on-line by visiting [http://
online.activenetwork.com/
mvrecreation](http://online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation).

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS



TOYS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAYS

The Police Department will be collecting new, unopened toys for needy Mountain View children of all ages this holiday season through the Cops That Care program. The toys collected from the community will be distributed to children in need at a free, special event on Saturday, December 18, at the Police Department Auditorium at 1000 Villa Street. The program is open to all Mountain View residents and children who attend school in Mountain View. Children must be under 18 and attend the holiday event with a parent or guardian to receive a gift.

Beginning December 1, people wishing to donate gifts can bring new, unwrapped toys to the Police Department at 1000 Villa Street. Cash donations, as well as toys for older children, including gift certificates, are especially needed.

For more information, contact Officer Ron Cooper at (650) 903-6712.



GRANT FOR POLICE YOUTH SERVICES

The City has been awarded more than \$380,000 in grant monies from the State of California as part of the Governor's Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program (CalGRIP). Mountain View was one of only five Bay Area cities selected for the second time.

Combined with City sources of funding, the grant will fund one full-time and two part-time youth counselors from the Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) to work in partnership with the Police Department to help prevent young people from joining gangs. The program is designed to serve local at-risk youth and first-time offenders 11 to 18 years old by offering alternatives to gang activities.

For more information, contact Public Information Officer Liz Wylie at (650) 903-6357.

LIBRARY CELEBRATES SNAPSHOT DAY

On October 10, the Mountain View Public Library joined other libraries across the state in taking a statistical 'snapshot' of library activity to illustrate and celebrate the importance of library services, resources and programs to the local community. The day included demonstrations of the Library's catalog, online databases and catalogs, and tours of the Mobile Library. In addition, patrons were invited to comment on how and why they use Mountain View Public Library.

Library statistics for the day show:

- 2,746 visitors to the building
- 783 visitors to our website
- 4,737 items checked out
- 241 reference questions answered
- 455 users of Internet computers
- 50 second graders visited with their class

For more information, call the Mountain View Library at (650) 903-6337.



LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW CATALOG

The Library recently introduced a new catalog that uses a single search box and gives users the ability to filter results by format, language, and publication year. You can also limit your search to items that are available on the shelf or available online. In addition, the filtering system lets readers find eBooks and downloadable audio-books by author and subject.

The new catalog includes a database of books, CDs, DVDs, current scholarly and popular articles, as well as Mountain View Library's historic photo archive within search results. Other features include the ability to rate books, tag titles with descriptive terms, and see previews of the contents of the books.

Visit the new catalog at <http://encore.mountainview.gov>.

LIBRARY OFFERS CONSOLE GAMES

The Library has a collection of more than 30 Wii and Dreamcast games available for one-week loan. Customers can search for titles using the online library catalog at <http://encore.mountainview.gov>. The games are available at the Customer Services desk.

For more information about the Library's teen services, visit the Library's teen blog at: <http://mvplteen.blogspot.com/>.

HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Holiday magic is in the air at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts with a dazzling line-up of theatre, dance and music productions. For tickets and information call (650) 903-6000 or visit mvcpa.com.

November 26 – 28

Pacific Theatre Ballet presents
The Nutcracker

December 3 – 5

Western Ballet presents
The Nutcracker

December 8 - 12

Smuin Ballet presents
The Christmas Ballet, 2010 Edition

December 10 and 11

Peninsula Youth Theatre Stories on Stage presents
The Little Match Girl

December 13

Schola Cantorum presents
Messiah Sing

December 17

Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir presents
Gospel Holiday Concert

December 18 and 19

Bayer Ballet Academy presents
A Winter Fairy Tale

RENGSTORFF HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Enjoy caroling, holiday treats, and Victorian decorations at Mountain View's historic Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7. This is a free event. For more information, call (650) 903-6392.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION!

Celebrate the holidays with friends and family at the Mountain View Tree Lighting Celebration on Monday, December 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street.

Enjoy live holiday music, refreshments, lights and the arrival of Santa Claus. Children can visit and have their picture taken with Santa at the free event. In the spirit of the season, guests are encouraged to bring a can of food to help build a "giving tree" to benefit the Community Services Agency.

For more information call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.

Check out the Recreation Guide inside this issue of *the View* to register for Winter classes and activities.



PREPARING FOR THE WINTER STORM SEASON

Winter storms cause power outages, flooding and traffic hazards. The City encourages residents to plan ahead for the possibility of storms this winter by taking the following precautions early:

REMOVE FALLEN LEAVES

- Help prevent street flooding and sewer clogs by removing leaves.
- Place leaves in your yard trimmings toter for pick-up. If one toter is not sufficient, a second toter can be ordered by calling Recology™ at (650) 967-3034.
- Compost leaves and other plant debris. You can obtain information about composting and composting workshops by contacting the City’s Solid Waste Program at (650) 903-6311.
- Layer leaves in the roadway for pick-up by the street sweeper on scheduled sweeping days. Layers must be less than 3 inches deep and 3 feet wide. Leaves left in piles in the roadway will not be picked-up.
- Keep a list of emergency telephone numbers by each of your telephones:
 - For Police or Fire emergencies, call 911.
 - To report power outages or downed power lines, call PG&E at (800) 743-5000.

OBTAIN SANDBAGS WHEN NECESSARY

Sand and sandbags are available at no charge to Mountain View residents at the City’s Municipal Operations Center, 231 North Whisman Road. Bring a shovel to fill the sandbags.

REPORT FLOODING OR STANDING WATER

Call the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329 to report flooding or standing water during normal business hours. After hours or on weekends, call the City’s Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

During a storm, do not walk or drive past barricades or road signs warning of flooded areas and avoid walking or driving through standing or running water.

REPORT DOWNED TREES AND TREE LIMBS

Report downed trees and tree limbs during normal business hours by calling the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273. After hours or on weekends, call the City’s Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

DO NOT TOUCH DOWNED POWER LINES

Assume all downed power lines are dangerous and call both 911 and PG&E at (800) 743-5000 immediately. Stay tuned to your local radio station for power outage updates.

PREPARE AT HOME

Keep an emergency kit on hand with a battery-powered radio, flashlights, fresh batteries and a first aid kit. Check to see that your first-aid kit is well stocked and medications have not expired.

Stock a supply of easy to open, prepared food, a can opener, bottled water and pet food in case of a power outage. Keep extra blankets and warm clothes in a safe, dry place in case your heat goes off.

If you use an electric generator, be sure it is installed properly, then call PG&E to let them know you have one. Improperly installed generators put property and the lives of utility workers in the area at risk.

For more information about how to prepare for the winter storm season, call the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WINTER SEASON PREPARATIONS, SEE PAGE 6.



FIREPLACE REGULATIONS

In order to help ensure cleaner air for everyone, pollution experts recommend you minimize use of your fireplace this winter. If you do light a fire, follow these guidelines provided by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD):

- Start your fire with softwood kindling like pine or fir, which ignite easily and burn fast.
- After starting your fire, burn longer and cleaner with hardwoods like oak or cherry, creating less smoke. Burn only seasoned firewood. Firewood should dry 6 to 12 months minimum after splitting.
- Don’t burn garbage, plastics, rubber, waste solvents, paint or oil, painted or treated wood, particleboard,

plywood, or saltwater driftwood, coal or charcoal briquettes, or glossy or colored paper.

- Build a small hot fire and let it burn out completely before bedtime. Burning overnight is a major fire hazard and pollutes all night.

Note that the BAAQMD restricts wood burning when air quality is unhealthy and a Spare the Air Advisory is issued.

For a copy of the *Woodburning Handbook*, with detailed information about how to burn safely and heat with wood, visit: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cap/handbooks/wood_burning_handbook.pdf

SAVE THE DATE—CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY ON MARCH 12, 2011

The City celebrates Arbor Day on Saturday, March 12 in Pioneer Park with a variety of events, including tree planting. The City also plans to make approximately 125 new trees available to individual residents this year for planting on their property.

The planting event is part of the City’s forestry restoration efforts and the celebration of the State of California’s Arbor Day.

Residents who wish to participate in the tree planting must fill out and submit the request form included in this issue of *The View* by 5:00 p.m. on January 28, 2011, and agree to plant and maintain the tree on their property. If the number of requests for trees exceeds the number of trees available, names will be drawn at random. The City will deliver the tree of choice to eligible residents during the first week in March.

For more information about Arbor Day activities, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.

Residents may choose from five varieties of trees:

- The Red Maple is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, steady watering and will grow to 50 feet with leaves that range from yellow to red in the fall.
- The Krauter Plum is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, grows to 20 feet and blooms with light pink flowers.
- The Brisbane Box is an evergreen tree with inconspicuous flowers that can tolerate some shade, has low watering requirements and grows up to 60 feet high.
- The Crape Myrtle is a deciduous tree with showy, pink summer flowers. It grows to approximately 25 feet high.
- The Chinese Pistache is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, and grows to 60 feet with leaves that turn red, yellow and orange in the Fall.

APPLICATION FOR ARBOR DAY 2011 TREES

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) _____

Tree Planting Address: _____

Type of Tree Requested (refer to list): _____

Planting Location of Arbor Day Tree (examples: southwest corner of backyard, center of front lawn, backyard garden): _____

The undersigned agrees to: (1) accept the tree as requested above, (2) plant the tree as indicated on the application, (3) maintain the tree at own expense (tree planting/care information will be supplied).

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Please complete and return this application by mail before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2011.

Send to:

City of Mountain View, Forestry Division
P.O. Box 7540
Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

(Office Use Only) Date Received: _____

CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER SERVICES –
KEEPING CITIZENS CONNECTED,
KEEPS COMMUNITIES STRONG!

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM – CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Tyler Phillips, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or go to the City website at www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Deer Hollow Farm - School Year Teaching Docents - Volunteers are needed to teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm and garden, and Native American studies. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Call Deer Hollow Farm for more information at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail dhfarms@mountainview.gov.

Center for Performing Arts - Ushers - Assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, March 21 and Monday, March 28, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or liz@mvcpa.com.

Center for Performing Arts - Docents - Volunteers are needed to monitor the lobby from noon to 1:00 p.m. to allow the public to view art exhibits on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or E-mail liz@mvcpa.com.

"People always said I should volunteer at the Senior Center but I would hush them. But now that I volunteer here, I cannot leave. It is the best way to stay in touch and hear the latest news"

~Georgia DeRego
Front Desk Volunteer, Senior Center,
3 years of Service

Senior Services - Front Desk - Greet and give information to senior visitors. Help is needed Tuesday and Friday mornings. For more information, call (650) 903-6330 or E-mail seniorcenter@mountainview.gov.

Senior Services - Computer Lab - Assist seniors in the technology center. Shifts are available Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information, call Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail megan.garverick@mountainview.gov.

Senior Services - Wii Gamers - Tech-savvy students are needed to teach seniors how to bowl on the Nintendo Wii. For more information, call the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330.

Shoreline at Mountain View - Shoreline Park seeks friendly volunteer docents 18 years and older for the following jobs. For additional information, please call (650) 903-6073 or E-mail kristina.rockhold@mountainview.gov.



• **Patrol Rangers** assist Shoreline at Mountain View and Stevens Creek Trail users by providing information regarding routes, park facilities, safety and by keeping trails free of litter.

• **Gatehouse Attendants** greet visitors, monitor activities and educate the public about Shoreline at Mountain View, a 750-acre wildlife and recreation resource area.

• **Environmental Docents** educate members of the public on the area's unique history, diverse species and bay-lands ecosystem by providing one-hour docent-led walks.

• **Garden Volunteers** help maintain the Rengstorff House flowerbeds, provide arranged flowers for the interior of the house and answer visitors' inquiries. Weekday availability preferred.

• **Rengstorff House Docents** conduct guided tours of the Rengstorff House and lead educational programs exploring Mountain View's early history. Rengstorff House docents may also provide special tours and activities for school/scout groups, senior centers, and other special events.



• **Exhibition Assistants** provide hands-on support for the installation and removal/storage of artwork and exhibition items at Rengstorff House. They may also collaborate with staff on exhibitions strategy, research and

"I like people and enjoy being of service. I was just told I am as smooth as tai chi! The people at this Center, I love them all; they make me feel good."

~Eva Stern
Front Desk Volunteer, Senior Center,
15 years of Service

preparation. Participate in next year's Extreme Home Restoration exhibition at Rengstorff House to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the historic home being opened to the public.

Police - Field Assistance Volunteer - Conduct tobacco compliance checks, assist with outreach in the false alarm program, patrol parks, provide information to the public and assist patrol teams with traffic enforcement and neighborhood canvasses as needed. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment; training provided. Fill out an application form at www.mvdpd.gov or call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail volunteers@mountainview.gov.

Community Outreach Program - Volunteers who are bilingual in English and Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin) are needed to assist staff in providing information about City services at various fairs and events. Requires a 2-4 hour weekend commitment with training provided. For more information, contact Blanca Cinco at (650) 903-6145 or E-mail blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov.

Recreation - Tennis Court Advocates - Marshals are needed to assist with tennis court patrols, tracking hours, reporting violations, court etiquette and educating the public about court rules and City policies. For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

If you have an idea, or talent to offer, or want to join our team, call the Volunteer Services Office today at (650) 903-6607.

FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

Twelve percent of the City of Mountain View is located within special flood hazard areas.

Flooding in these areas is caused by tidal flooding from the Bay and flooding from Permanente Creek. Below are suggestions for things you can do to protect yourself and your property in the event of flooding.

FLOOD SAFETY

- Do not walk through flowing waters.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Do not drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Have your electricity turned off by the Power Company

(PG&E). Do not use appliances or motors that have become wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.

- Look before you step. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Do not smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.
- Tune to radio stations KCBS (740AM) or KSJO (92.3FM) for emergency information, traffic updates and instructions.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, the City of Mountain View is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes it

possible for property owners to obtain Federally-backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of insurable property (a building or its contents). Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss.

By participating in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System, the City earns a 10 percent discount on insurance rates for the community by exceeding minimum standards for flood risk reduction. This discount applies to National Flood Insurance policies issued or renewed. The actual cost of insurance will vary depending upon the amount of coverage and degree of flood hazard. In certain instances, such as the purchase of a new home with a Federally-backed mortgage, National Flood Insurance is required. Even if flood insurance is not required or you live in a moderate-to-low risk area, the risk of flooding is still very real. FEMA recommends

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For Calendar updates on all meetings and events, visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov/events or tune into KMTV (cable TV)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

COUNCIL, BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEETINGS*

City Council – meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Library Board – meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street.

Environmental Planning Commission – meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Human Relations Commission – meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Parks and Recreation Commission – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee – meets Quarterly on the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Downtown Committee – meets as needed.

Performing Arts Committee – meets the third Wednesday. SecondStage, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street.

Visual Arts Committee – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Youth Advisory Committee – meets the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue.

Senior Advisory Committee – meets the third Wednesday of each month from 2:00- 4:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue (there are no meetings held in December and August).

*All dates and locations are subject to change. Check out the website, KMTV, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Call (408) 918-4640 or visit www.reduce-waste.org to obtain a schedule for free upcoming workshops and to register.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENTS

Saturday, December 18 in San Jose.

For additional events beginning in January, call (408) 299-7300 or visit www.hhw.org.

HOLIDAY HOURS:

Most City Offices (including City Hall, Community Center and other non-emergency response facilities) will be closed or have modified hours between Friday, December 24, 2010 and Monday, January 3, 2011. Please call (650) 903-6300 or visit the City website for more information on City facilities holiday schedules at: www.mountainview.gov

The City will observe the following holidays in 2011

- Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King Day
- Monday, February 21 for Presidents' Day

DO NOT MISS UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Holiday Tree Lighting- Monday, December 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., 500 Castro Street.

Rengstorff Holiday Open House – Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard.

Cops That Care Toy Distribution Event – Saturday, December 18, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., 1000 Villa Street.

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE



MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES

Mountain View City Hall
500 Castro Street
Council Chambers, 2nd floor

Thursday, December 9, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The City of Mountain View will host a community meeting to provide an opportunity to meet with City staff to discuss possible concerns, potential regulatory approaches, and feedback on the issue of medical marijuana dispensaries. The City will be collecting public input on the regulation of medical marijuana dispensaries, presenting the framework for possible adoption of an ordinance permitting medical marijuana dispensaries, and answering questions.

For further information, please contact the City Attorney's Office at (650) 903-6303.

ASK MOUNTAIN VIEW: GET THE ANSWERS YOU NEED!

Last November, the City introduced *Ask Mountain View*, a new on-line service that provides 24-hour access to City Hall by allowing residents to quickly and easily Email staff with questions, the City's website. The area designations so that the proper department during normal business the status of their Email, on-line. Thousands of variety of benefits of the system.



concerns or compliments via service provides a list of topic messages can be routed to to help ensure a speedy reply hours. Citizens can also track phone, or postal mail inquiries users have already enjoyed a new *Ask Mountain View*

Now citizens can use their iPhones to point, click, and send a message to City Hall quickly by using a new, free *Ask Mountain View* iPhone application. Requests and feedback are routed directly into the *Ask Mountain View* system and users can check the updated status of their requests anytime, anywhere.

You can download the application on-line at the iPhone App Store or on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov. In the future, the City expects other smart phone platforms will offer similar applications. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6210 or (650) 903-6301, or E-mail kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov.

"SAY I DO TO RENGSTORFF HOUSE"

Join us on January 29, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., for an open house springtime event at Rengstorff House. The R-House will be showcasing an opportunity for community members to meet with wedding planning professionals and providers, taste hors d'oeuvres and sumptuous offerings of caterers and bakeries, view exquisite floral designs in advance of the traditional wedding season. Visitors can also visit the exhibition entitled "Weddings Gone By," a photography exhibition, which will be on display January 9 to February 27, 2010, during open R-house hours.



residents purchase flood insurance. Preferred rate policies start at \$119 per year.

FLOOD MAP INFORMATION

Upon request, the City will provide the public, lending institutions, real estate agents and insurance agents with certain flood map information. Call (650) 903-6311 during normal business hours, visit the Public Works Department at City Hall or access the City's website at www.mountainview.gov and click on *Ask Mountain View* for the following information:

- Classification of whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area
- Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the Flood Insurance Rate Map zone, base flood elevation, or depth
- A handout on flood insurance purchase requirements

You can find out your flood risk online at Floodsmart.gov. This site provides relative risks, links to flood risk maps and other flood insurance community resources.

FLOOD PROTECTION TIPS

There are various actions that can be taken to flood proof structures. Electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers should be elevated or relocated to a location less likely to be flooded. Basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves can be installed, and interior flood walls can be placed around utilities. If flooding is likely, and time permits, move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home. Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. This action will help minimize the amount of damage caused by flood waters.

To learn more about upcoming events in Mountain View, visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov, or tune to cable television KMTV.

The *View* newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program. Should you have any questions about the latest issue of *The View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov